--- 10 Pounds - “Series of 1915”- SNUFF - 465 x 19 mm. design ---

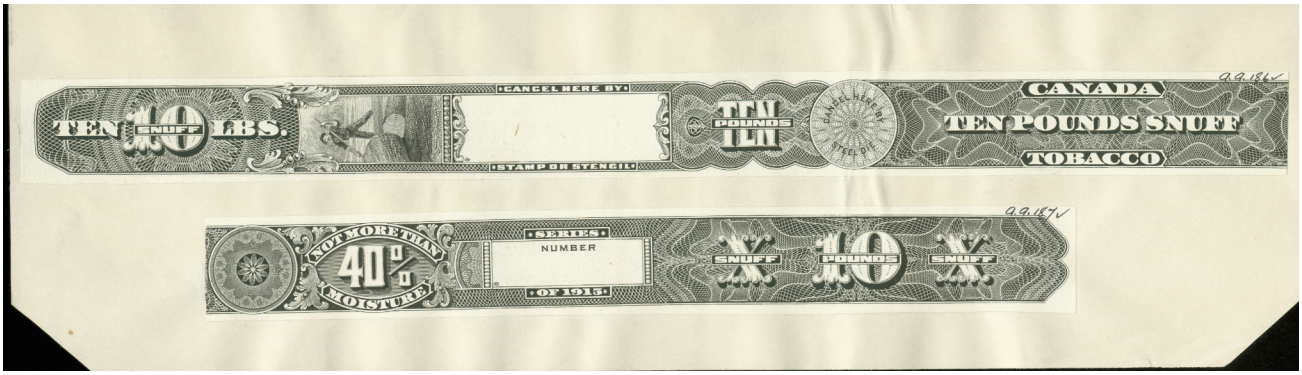
--- Die No. F-74 - inscribed with “ NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE” ---

--- recess printed by ABN, New York - in BLACK ink - scanned at 60% scale ---

The snuff moisture distinction *over 40% moisture* and *not more than 40% moisture* had been discontinued when the Budget of 1908 was tabled. Perhaps in 1915, with World War I in progress, there was consideration being given to the re-introduction of these two moisture classifications, or these dies had been prepared prior to 1908.

In any event it does not seem that plates were prepared on this five pound strip. The Lee Brandom catalogue lists only the ten pound plate proof on bond paper, which *I do not believe exists*, and certainly have not seen. The corresponding ten pound “1915”die proof is illustrated below.

--- not more than 40% moisture ---



★ **DP** - 10 pounds, black die proof, recess printed on bond paper and mounted on thin cardboard, inscribed *A.A. 186* and *A.A. 187* in black ink

[the overall length of the left side die proof is 275 mm., the overall length of the right side is 190 mm.]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of **die No. F-74** for the “Series of 1915” five pound “Not More than 10% Moisture” snuff strip.

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of Rolls No. G-648, G-649 and G-650 for the five pound “Series of 1915” snuff strip. The dies and rolls were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the “Hull Iron and Steel Works” as scrap metal.

[These paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan]

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